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SUBJECT: JEWISH EMIGRATION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JULY 31, SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO RECENT MOVEMENT FROM SOVIET SIDE IN ISSUANCE OF EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL TO SO-CALLED "HARD CORE" CASES. FROM LIST DRAWN UP BY JEWISH ACTIVISTS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO COMPRISING ABOUT 240 FAMILY UNITS EXPERIENCING LONG TERM DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING EXIT PERMISSION FROM USSR, SOURCE REPORTED ONLY TWO CASES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED IN RECENT WEEKS.

2. SOURCE NOTED RENEWED INTIMIDATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MINSK. KGB HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN CALLING IN JEWISH FAMILIES WHICH HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL BUT HAVE NOT MADE FORMAL APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR EXIT VISAS. KGB AGENTS QUESTION INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS AND ASK THEM TO SIGN STATEMENT THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF EVER APPLYING FOR EXIT PERMISSION.

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3. MEANWHILE IN TBILISI, AUTHORITIES HAVE REPORTEDLY

SUSPENDED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST GOLDSTEIN BROTHERS ON CHARGES OF SPREADING ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA--ALLEGEDLY CONSITING OF ASSERTIONS THAT SOVIET-MADE WEAPONS WERE USED IN ATTACK ON ISRAELI ATHLETES AT 1972 OLYMPICS. HOWEVER, SOVIET CRIMINAL CODE PERMITS AUTHORITIES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CRIMINAL ACTION AGAINST GOLDSTEINS AT LATER DATE. JEWISH ACTIVISTS VIEW LAGEST STEP AS EFFORT TO BLACKMAIL GOLDSTEINS BY THREATENING FUTURE PROSECUTION IF THEY CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO EMIGRATE.

- 4. SOURCE REPORTED LEARNING, VIA TELEPHONE CALL FROM AMERICAN CONTACT, THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN RECENTLY HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR SEVERAL PROMINENT AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS AT WHICH JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM USSR SUBJECT OF COVERSATION. DOBRYNIN ALLEGEDLY HELD OUT HOPE THAT MOST OF HARD CORE CASES WOULD BE RESOLVED OVER PERIOD OF TIME, INDICATING THAT SOVIETS DID NOT WISH TO INDICATE THEY BOWING TO PRESSURE BY PERMITTING ALL INVOLVED TO LEAVE WITHIN SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. DOBRYNIN ADDED THAT IN APPROXIMATELY 30 CASES, ORIGINAL DECISION TO DENY EXIT VISAS WOULD NOT BE OVERTURNED.
- 5. IN RELATED FIELD, LOCAL SOURCE HAS INDICATED THAT CENSORS, AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELAY, HAVE DENIED APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC SCREENING OF FILM ENTITLED "ZIONISTS AND ZIONISM" WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY THE MOSCOW DOCUMENTARY FILM STUDIO. SOURCE, WHO WORKED IN FILM INDUSTRY PRIOR TO APPLYING TO EMIGRATE, DESCRIBED FILM AS HIGHLY ANTI-SEMITIC, NOTING THAT ONE CLIP CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT JEW WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR 1921 ATTEMPT ON LENIN'S LIFE. ON OTHER HAND, ANTI-ZIONIST LITERATURE CONTINUES TO BE PUBLISHED. MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA AUGUST 2 PRINTED REVIEW OF NEW BOOK ENTITLED, ZIONISM: THEORY AND PRACTICE (AUTHOR NOT GIVEN). INTER ALIA BOOK REPORTEDLY DESCRIBES COMMON ORIGINS OF NAZISM AND ZIONISM AND ACCUSES ZIONISTS OF ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK IMPROVEMENT OF EAST-WEST RELA-TIONS IN GENERAL AND US-SOVIET RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR. **DUBS**

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